

Protective Order Committee  
Judicial Conference of Indiana

**Minutes**  
October 25, 2002

The Protective Order Committee met at the Indiana Judicial Center in Indianapolis on Friday, October 25, 2002, from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

1. Members present. Thomas Busch, Christina J. Miller, Chris D. Monroe, and John W. Forcum, Chair
2. Staff present. Tom Jones provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Others present. Senior Judge Ruth Reichard also attended the meeting.
4. Minutes distributed. The minutes of the August 23, 2002 meeting were distributed.
5. New Role for Senior Judge Reichard. Judge Reichard has requested that her role on the committee only include being available to help with legislative changes and to give advice on the development of the benchbook. Judge Forcum gave Judge Reichard a gift in appreciation of all her hard work.
6. Benchbook for Protection Orders. Committee members discussed proposed sections for a Benchbook for Protection Orders. The members present volunteered to write certain of the sections for the proposed benchbook. (Attachment A) The Chair will contact other members to see what sections they would like to write. The Chair asked that a general outline of each section be ready for the January 2003 meeting.
7. Administrative Rule 7 Retention Schedule Changes. Tom Jones explained the proposed changes to Administrative Rule 7 concerning Protective Orders and Workplace Violence Restraining Orders that the Records Management Committee of the Supreme Court of Indiana, Associate Justice Brent Dickson, Chair, had approved at its September 28, 2002, meeting. The Records Management Committee had approved the changes that the Protective Order Committee had approved at its July 26, 2002, meeting.
8. Website Protection Order Revision Schedule. Committee decided that the Revision Schedule did not need to be more detailed. This discussion came in response to a suggestion that had come to the committee from the comments on the website.
9. Handouts:
  - a. When Hearings Needed for Protection Orders—Judge Reichard  
Committee agreed that the document should be made available on the website.
  - b. Confidentiality research—Judge Reichard  
Committee believed that this document would be very helpful for the proposed benchbook.
10. Proposed legislation. Judge Forcum has contacted the legislative sponsors of the 2002 legislation concerning technical changes that the committee would like to propose for new

legislation in 2003. Last year's sponsors have not responded, and Judge Forcum will contact them again after the November 2002 general election.

11. Proposed Protection Order Frequently Asked Questions review. Committee reviewed questions and proposed answers for the frequently asked questions that have been received. Committee decided to add only a few new Frequently Asked Questions to those questions already listed on the website. Many of the questions that have been selected concern Workplace Violence Restraining Orders.

12. Next meeting dates. Committee members agreed meet at the following times: January 24, 2003; Friday, February 28, 2003; Friday, March 28, 2003; Friday, April 25, 2003; Friday, June 27, 2003; Friday, July 25, 2003; Friday, August 22, 2003 from 12:00 Noon – 4:00 p.m. at the Indiana Judicial Center. Committee members may bring their lunch to the meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

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